Albany May 29, 1856.

My dear Sir,

I certainly _will_ include Dr Humphrey's letter, agreeably to your wish. The reason of my suggesting the omission of it was partly that it seemed to me to be contained substantially in Dr Porter's, and partly because I am likely to be a good deal straitened for room; and I knew one thing about it which you probably did not — that I wrote the letter myself originally from Dr H's verbal communication, & then sent it to him for his approval and signature; — so that on this account, I should feel less delicacy in omitting it, so far as he is concerned; especially as I have several others from him that I obtained in the same way. It is so brief, however, that it may very well come in, and I will cheerfully give it a place.

I have added a few words concerning your father from my own recollection; but as I never saw him but twice, and then for only a short time, all that I can say amounts to but little. The amount of

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an endorsement, so far as my observation went, of the statements of Drs Humphrey & Porter.

You did not tell me the whole name of your father's *first* wife — as I have the Christian names of the other two, I should like his also.

Pray can you not give me for a keepsake one of your father's Ms. Sermons. If it is only an outline, I should value it highly.

Most sincerely Yours,

W B Sprague.

PS. I am utterly unable to say with whom your father and his illustrious associates studied Divinity. I had occasion to write to Mrs Lee (Dr Buckminster's daughter) on the subject; but she could throw no light upon it.

Rev Dr Sprague
Aug 29. 1856